an-hour discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want it, you give notice.

Losses Suffered by Indian Embassies due to Terrorist Activities

*122 SHRI J. S. RAJU :†

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian missions and their staff that came under attack from fundamentalists and terrorists abroad since January, 1993;

(b) the details of each incident, and loss of properties;

(c) whether any security steps have since been taken by our missions abroad, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to tighten the security of our missions abroad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Nil.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) to (e) The security of all our missions abroad is primarily, the responsibility of the host Government. However, depending on the security environment in the country and our threat perceptions, we usually augment these security arrangements by deploying India-based security guards and installing various types of security equipment. These security arrangements are periodically reviewed and suitably augmented in co-operation with the host Government. We have also undertaken a study of security measures in our missions abroad.

SHRI J. S. RAJU: Sir, the answer given by the Minister at part (a) is incorrect for, recently, when the issue of Babri Masjid was in the air, there was diplomatic harassment, and properties of the Embassy were damaged and the personnel were also injured. So also, during the Iran-Iraq confrontation, our Embassy personnel were actually manhandled and properties were damaged. The Minister is misleading the House with an incorrect statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So, ask the question.

SHRI J. S. RAJU: So, I want the Minister to give a correct answer at least after my furnishing a few details that have appeared in the press.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Sir, the question is about the number of Indian Embassies and their staff that came under attack from the fundamentalists and terrorists. He is referring to something that happened during the Iran-Iraq war.

SHRI J. S. RAJU: In total I am asking. Our Mission in Pakistan was attacked by the fundamentalists in Pakistan after the Babri Masjid incident.

MR. CHAIRMAN: After January, was there any incident?

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: No, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is the question.

SHRI J. S. RAJU: If they were not fundamentalists, what was the basis for the attack?

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: There is a period mentioned. The question is for the period after 6th January. And I am replying that after January, there was no attack. But if you are referring to Pakistan, I am ready to reply.

Sir, in Pakistan, there have been some incidents, but they were after the Babri Masjid affair took place. In Lahore, on 7th December, there was stone-throwing on the Indian Airlines office. On 7th December again, in Karachi, there was stone-throwing on the residential complex of our Mission. Again on 7th December, in Islamabad, 5 incidents of stone-throwing and intimidation at the residence of the personnel of the Indian Mission took place. Again, on 8th December, about 500 miscreants set the Consul General's house on fire. All his property was destroyed and his family members escaped by bolting themselves in the bedroom. And the security guard was also injured. Then, in Bangladesh, it also happened on the 7th. The High Commission Library was ransacked and set on fire. On the same day, the Indian Airlines office was also set on fire.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary.

SHRI J. S. RAJU: What are the results of the studies that you have undertaken? How are you going to supplement in the case of insufficient security system?

† The Question was actually asked on the floor

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Sir, the security of our Missions, as I have said, is basically the responsibility of the host Government. We, however, augment these security arrangements by posting India-based security guards and installation of various kinds of security equipment, depending on the security environment in the country concerned. India continually monitors all these threats to the security of the Indian Missions and diplomats abroad, and clears the information with the host Government so that they may take protective measures. All our Missions are also immediately alerted to take precautions whenever any information of a threat is received. In the wake of the events in Ayodhya and threats received by some of our Missions, we alerted all our Missions abroad and advised them to seek the help of the concerned Government. The Ministry periodically reviews the security arrangements in all our Missions and takes suitable remedial measures in consultation with the host Government. In accordance with the Vienna Convention, the Government of India expects that the host Government would discharge all the obligations to ensure safety of our Missions.

SHRI JAGMOHAN : I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether he is aware that Jamat-i-Islami of Pakistan through which terrorist activities are now being privatised in Pakistan, is recruiting and motivating people from Islamic countries and training them for terrorist activities against the Indians abroad, including the Diplomats, and whether he is aware that a retired Army General, Hamid Gul, has openly announced that they are going to have an international mujahid force and the purpose of this force will be to carry out the terrorist activities in India clandestinely and otherwise. My question is what preventive measures are being undertaken by the Government to see that no serious untoward incident takes place.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : This relates to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : This is a question with regard to the attacks on our Missions. So far as the general question is concerned, there is no denying the fact that some attempts are being made to train people so that they can carry out terrorist activities in other countries. We have voiced our concern about it so many times. So far as our Missions are concerned, we do not have any information whether any attacks are being planned. We have warned our Missions to be very careful and whenever we get any such information, we always inform the host Government to ensure security. So far, this arrangement is being made for our Missions abroad.

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : I want to know whether it is a fact that due to lapses of the security department, the activities of the terrorists and various militants have grown many-fold and day by day these are on the increase abroad. As such, the staff and the officers of the Indian Embassies abroad are greatly affected and their life is not secured. In view of this, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what positive and specific steps are proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure safety of the staff and officers posted in the Indian Embassies abroad.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : I have already explained that we have conducted an enquiry of all our Missions abroad and have taken care of all the necessary arrangements that are required. We have informed the host Governments to take necessary steps. We have also warned our Missions and we are very vigilant to see that no untoward incident takes place. We take suitable measures before time.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : Sir, in the capitals of number of countries, the law and order situation has worsened and many a time when our Members of Parliament visit such capitals, the Embassies advise them to be careful because anybody anywhere can be attacked and there can be a danger to one's life. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what steps the Government is taking when members of the Government, the staff, the officials or the Members of Parliament visit such crime-prone capitals of the countries, to take care of their life at least, during their visits.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Sir, whenever these cases are reported to our missions, suitable action is always taken. A number of cases have been brought to our notice where the people lost their suitcases containing cash, passport, etc. In such cases, our missions always help these people so that they are able to get their visa and other things and they are able to travel back home immediately. Our missions always extend, in every possible manner, whatever assistance is required.

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the terrorist and fundamentalist

activities abroad are a reaction to what is happening in the country. Therefore, unless we try to maintain cordial relations with other countries, unless the Government takes stringent action to suppress religious fundamentalism in our country, there will continue to be such attacks by terrorists and fundamentalists on our missions and other personnel abroad. In that context, what action the Government is contemplating, at home, so that we are able to maintain cordial relations with other countries and terrorist activities would be less there ?

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Sir, the hon. Member is right that in regard to whatever things happened here, there is a reaction abroad, and there is a reaction here to whatever happens abroad. But I am sure the hon. Member will agree with me that this is a question which should be put to the Home Ministry. I am concerned with foreign affairs. As the hon. member pointed out, what is happening here is bound to have a reaction abroad. That is how our missions were attacked; our airline offices were attacked. So far as we are concerned, I can assure the hon. Member that necessary protective measures have been taken. Wherever we feel that there is a threat perception, we take it up with the host Government as it is their responsibility. So far, in regard to whatever information we got, we have taken action.

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI : Sir, I raised a fundamental question. When you can take it up with the host Government, why can't you take it up with your colleague in the Cabinet here ? In order to prevent such activities abroad, you should maintain cordial relations abroad and, more important, steps should be taken at home to see that terrorism and fundamentalism do not raise their heads in the country. Don't you have a joint responsibility ?

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Sir, he is a very senior Member and a big leader. I think if he puts this question to the Home Ministry, he will get a good answer.

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI : When the External Affairs Ministry can take it up with the host Government, why can't they take it up with the Home Minister or the Prime Minister ?

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : The hon. Member should put this question to the Home Ministry. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Bommai, the External Affairs Minister cannot really answer this question. He can take it up informally otherwise. On his own, he will not be able to answer this question.

श्री मोहम्मद अफज़ल उर्फ मीम अफज़ल : सभापति महोदय, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि जो टैरोरिस्ट ऐक्टिविटीज़ हमारे सिफारतखानों के ऊपर बाहर हुई हैं वह तो सिर्फ सिफारतखानों के ऊपर हैं, लेकिन मैं वज़ीरे खारजा साहब से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो पूरे मुल्क के ऊपर टैरोरिस्ट ऐक्टिविटीज़ सारी दुनिया के अंदर चल रही हैं हमारे खिलाफ और हमारे सिफारतखानों की जो कारकर्दगी है वहां पर, जो फंडामेंटलिस्ट और जो टैरोरिज्म का प्रोपोगंडा हमारे खिलाफ वहां किया जाता है, मिसाल के तौर पर मैं खास तौर पर नाम लूंगा इंग्लैंड का, सऊदी अरब का और दूसरे ममालिक का, जो आपके खिलाफ पाकिस्तान का और दूसरे ममालिक का प्रोपोगंडा चल रहा है, क्या हमारी तरफ से हमारे जो सिफारतखाने हैं, उस प्रोपोगंडा का तोड़ करने के लिए कुछ काम कर रहे हैं और मैं यह आपसे जानना चाहता हूं कि आप ने इस को ऐसेस किया है कि हमारे खिलाफ जो पूरी दुनिया के अंदर प्रोपोगंडा चल रहा है उसका जवाब हमारे सिफारतखाने किस प्रकार से दे रहे हैं ? क्या आपकी विज़ारत उससे वाकिफ है और वाकिफ है तो क्या मुतमईन है ? . . .

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : سبھاپتی مہودے میں جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ جو ٹیرورسٹ ایکٹی وٹیز ہمارے سفارتخانوں کے اوپر باہر سے ہوئی ہیں وہ تو صرف سفارتخانوں کے اوپر ہیں۔ لیکن میں وزیر خارجہ صاحب سے یہ جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ جو پورے ملک کے اوپر ٹیررسٹ ایکٹی وٹیز ساری دنیا کے اندر چل رہی ہیں ہمارے سفارتخانوں کی جو کارکردگی ہے وہاں پر جو فنڈامینٹلسٹ اور جو ٹیرورزم کا پروپیگنڈہ ہمارے خلاف وہاں کیا جاتا ہے۔ مثال کے طور پر میں خاص طور پر نام لوں گا انگلینڈ کا، سعودی عرب کا، اور دوسرے ممالک کا جو آپ کے خلاف پاکستان کا اور دوسرے ممالک کا پروپیگنڈہ چل رہا ہے کیا ہماری طرف سے جو سفارتخانے ہیں اس پروپیگنڈہ

کاؤنٹر کرنے کے لیے کچھ کام کر رہے ہیں۔ اور میں یہ آپ سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ آپ نے اس کو ایسیس کیا ہے کہ ہمارے خلاف جو پوری دنیا کے اندر پروپیگنڈہ چل رہا ہے اس کا جواب ہمارے سفارتخانے کس پرکار سے دے رہے ہیں۔ کیا آپ کی وزارت اس سے واقف ہے۔ اور واقف ہے تو کیا مطمئن ہے۔...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Afzal, you have asked the question. You do not have to explain it.

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Sir, it is part (b) of my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Finish it in one minute. You cannot make a speech.

श्री मोहम्मद अफज़ल उर्फ मीम अफज़ल: क्या आपको इस बात की जानकारी है कि अब से 4-5 साल पहले हमारी राज्य सभा के ही एक सदस्य उनके नाम से कुछ अखबारों में इश्तहारात छपे थे, गैर मुमालिक के अंदर जिसमें इस्लामी फौज के नाम से चन्दा जमा करने की बात की गई थी। क्या विज़ारते खारजा को इसका कुछ इल्म है और क्या इस इस्लामी फौज के नाम पर जो पैसा जमा करने की बात की गई है, उसका ताल्लुक टैरोरिस्ट एक्टिविटीज़ से है?

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل: کیا آپ کو اس بات کی جانکاری ہے کہ اب سے چار پانچ سال پہلے ہماری راجیہ سبھا کے ہی ایک سدسیے انکے نام سے کچھ اخباروں میں اشتہارات چھپے تھے غیر ممالک کے اندر جس میں اسلامی فوج کے نام سے چندہ جمع کرنے کی بات کی گئی تھی۔ کیا وزارت خارجہ کو اس کا علم ہے اور کیا اس اسلامی فوج کے نام پر جو پیسہ جمع کرنے کی بات کی گئی ہے۔ اس کا تعلق ٹیررسٹ ایکٹی ویٹیز سے ہے۔

श्री आर० एल० भाटिया: जहां तक आपका यह सवाल है कि जो टैरोरिस्ट एक्टिविटीज़ बाहर चल रही हैं या डिफ्रेंट आर्गनाइजेशंस, फंडामेंटलिस्ट आर्गनाइजेशंस की जो गतिविधियां हैं, उनके बारे में हमको पूरी जानकारी है और उसका तोड़ करने के लिए हमारे जो मिशन हैं, वह पूरी तरह से वहां की जो गवर्नमेंट हैं, उनको अवगत करा रहे हैं। इसके अलावा लिटरेचर से और दूसरे साधनों से हम उन मुल्कों को पूरा अवगत करा रहे हैं, जो कि टैरोरिस्ट एक्टिविटीज़ हैं। जैसा कि आपने कहा कि वहां कुछ आर्गनाइजेशन पैसा जमा कर रही हैं। इसमें कोई शक नहीं है। इंगलैंड में और दूसरी जगहों में भी यह तमाम टैरोरिस्ट आर्गनाइजेशन काम कर रही हैं। यही वजह है जैसा कि आपने लंदन का जिक्र किया है, हमने वहां की गवर्नमेंट के साथ एक्सटेडिशन ट्रीटी की है। इससे उनकी गतिविधियां कम होंगी। इसी तरह हमने दूसरे मुल्कों को भी यह ऑफर दिया है और आज में इसी हाउस में एक्सटेडिशन एक्ट के मुताबिक अमेंडमेंट भी ला रहा हूं। तो इससे उनकी गतिविधियां कम होंगी। जहां तक हमारी जिम्मेदारी का ताल्लुक है, हमारे मिशन बहुत अच्छी तरह से काम कर रहे हैं, उनकी गतिविधियां देख भी रहे हैं, हमको रिपोर्ट भी दे रहे हैं और वहां की सरकारों के नोटिस में भी ला रहे हैं कि वह उनके खिलाफ एक्शन लें।

Curbing mining and industrial activities in Rajasthan

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued a notification curbing various mining and industrial activities in and around forest area in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that this notification will render almost 5-6 million workers jobless, if so, what steps have been taken to provide alternative jobs; and

(c) whether Government have estimated the loss to public revenue as a result of stopping of mining and industrial activity, if so, in what manner the loss of revenue is to be compensated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government of India issued a notification on 7th May, 1992 regulating certain developmental

† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Triloki Nath Chaturvedi